

REMARKS

The Notice of Allowance dated June 27, 2008, has been received and carefully noted. The above amendments to the claims, and the following remarks, are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

By this Response, claim 11 has been cancelled. New claims 16-18 have been added. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 1-10, 12-14, and 16-18 are currently pending in the application, of which claims 1, 7, 8, and 12 are independent claims. Applicants request entry of the above amendments because the above amendments place the claims in better condition for allowance.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1, 7, 8, and 12, and all claims that depend therefrom, are in condition for allowance.

If for any reason the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact, by telephone, Applicants' undersigned representative at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 50-2222.

Respectfully submitted,



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